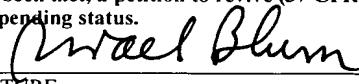


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PCT/FI02/01036	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 18 December 2002	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 28 December 2001
TITLE OF INVENTION APPARATUS FOR CONTINUOUS CASTING OF METAL STRIPS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US OSTLUND, Sture; and SIVESSON, Patrik		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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<b>Items 11. to 20. below concern document(s) or information included.</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or Information: PCT Published Application; Search Report; Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices; Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report with International Preliminary Report on Patentability, a check in the amount of \$1080.00 in payment of the filing fee; and a return receipt postcard.</li> </ol>		

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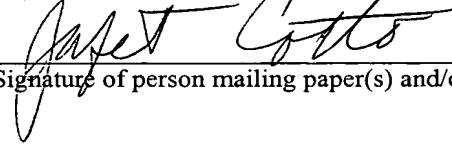
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